

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application Claims 1-4 and 6-19, of which Claims 1, 16, and 19 are independent. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Independent Claim 1 has been further amended in light of the Examiner's note set forth in the Advisory Action mailed on May 3, 2004, wherein the recitation of how the apparatus is to be used in an apparatus claim is not given any patentable weight. By way of this amendment to Claim 1, further structural limitations in the form of the control means have been set forth. Accordingly, at least with respect to independent Claim 1, the basis for the continued rejection thereof has been addressed and overcome.

Independent Claim 16 is a method claim to which the comments set forth in the Advisory Action do not apply. As for Claim 19, this claim was not further amended and it is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance for reasons noted in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on April 19, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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